

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-12-21 Building Date: 1904

Building Name: Brentwood United Methodist Church

Location: 3608 Tilden Street, Brentwood, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Brentwood United Methodist Church is a front-gabled frame structure with a three-story pyramidal-roof bell tower added on its northeast corner. A gabled vestibule shelters the main entrance into the south gable front. The walls are covered with tan stucco. In the three-story corner tower, the windows at first and second level are filled with milky-opaque colored glass, and there are wood louvers in the openings at third level.

Significance

The Brentwood United Methodist Church is a prominent landmark in one of the oldest sections of the community of Brentwood. By 1903, a group of new residents of the Brentwood community were gathering to worship together in a barn near the intersection of Dewey and Wells Streets. Under the leadership of Reverend A.L. Hughes, the group acquired lot 16 in Block 5, at the corner of Wells and Campbell Streets, and construction of a church building began in 1904. This new church building was known as Hughes Chapel, after the first pastor. In 1907, after Reverend Hughes left the area, five men, Robert A. Van Horn, Edward Gemeny, Benjamin F. Barb, Amos W. Hawk, and Frank A. Tyler, incorporated to form the Brentwood Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the former Hughes Chapel became part of the Hyattsville Methodist charge. Just after the First World War, the Brentwood church was enlarged by the construction of a bell tower, and the newly enlarged church was dedicated in 1919. In 1921, the church and its pipe organ were insured against damage by fire. In 1929 the wood siding was covered with stucco, the building was raised and a basement added, and a new entrance vestibule was built over the door on the south facade. Today the handsome building with its prominent tower is a visible landmark in the Brentwood community.

Acreage: 19,965 Square feet

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brentwood Methodist Episcopal Church South (Hughes Chapel)

and/or common Brentwood United Methodist Church

## 2. Location

street & number 3608 Tilden Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Brentwood ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Brentwood Methodist Church

street & number 4306 31st Street telephone no.:

city, town Brentwood state and zip code MD 20722

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 1668

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 234

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Brentwood United Methodist church is a front-gabled frame structure with an added three-story pyramidal-roof bell tower added on its northeast corner. A gabled vestibule shelters the main entrance into the south gable front. The walls are covered with tan stucco. In the three-story corner tower, the windows at first and second level are filled with milky-opaque colored glass, and there are wood louvers in the openings at third level.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1904, 1919, 1929

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Brentwood United Methodist Church is a prominent landmark in one of the oldest sections of the community of Brentwood. By 1903, a group of new residents of the Brentwood community were gathering to worship together in a barn near the intersection of Dewey and Wells Streets. Under the leadership of Reverend A.L. Hughes, the group acquired lot 16 in Block 5, at the corner of Wells and Campbell Streets, and construction of a church building began in 1904. This new church building was known as Hughes Chapel, after the first pastor. In 1907, after Reverend Hughes left the area, five men, Robert A. Van Horn, Edward Gemeny, Benjamin F. Barb, Amos W. Hawk, and Frank A. Tyler, incorporated to form the Brentwood Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the former Hughes Chapel became part of the Hyattsville Methodist charge. Just after the First World War, the Brentwood church was enlarged by the construction of a bell tower, and the newly enlarged church was dedicated in 1919. In 1921, the church and its pipe organ were insured against damage by fire. In 1929 the wood siding was covered with stucco, the building was raised and a basement added, and a new entrance vestibule was built over the door on the south facade. Today the handsome building with its prominent tower is a visible landmark in the Brentwood community.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Prince George's County Deeds  
Prince George's County Tax Assessments  
Prince George's County Probate Records  
Prince George's County Plats

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 19,965 sq.ft.

(Brentwood, Block 5, lot 16)

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

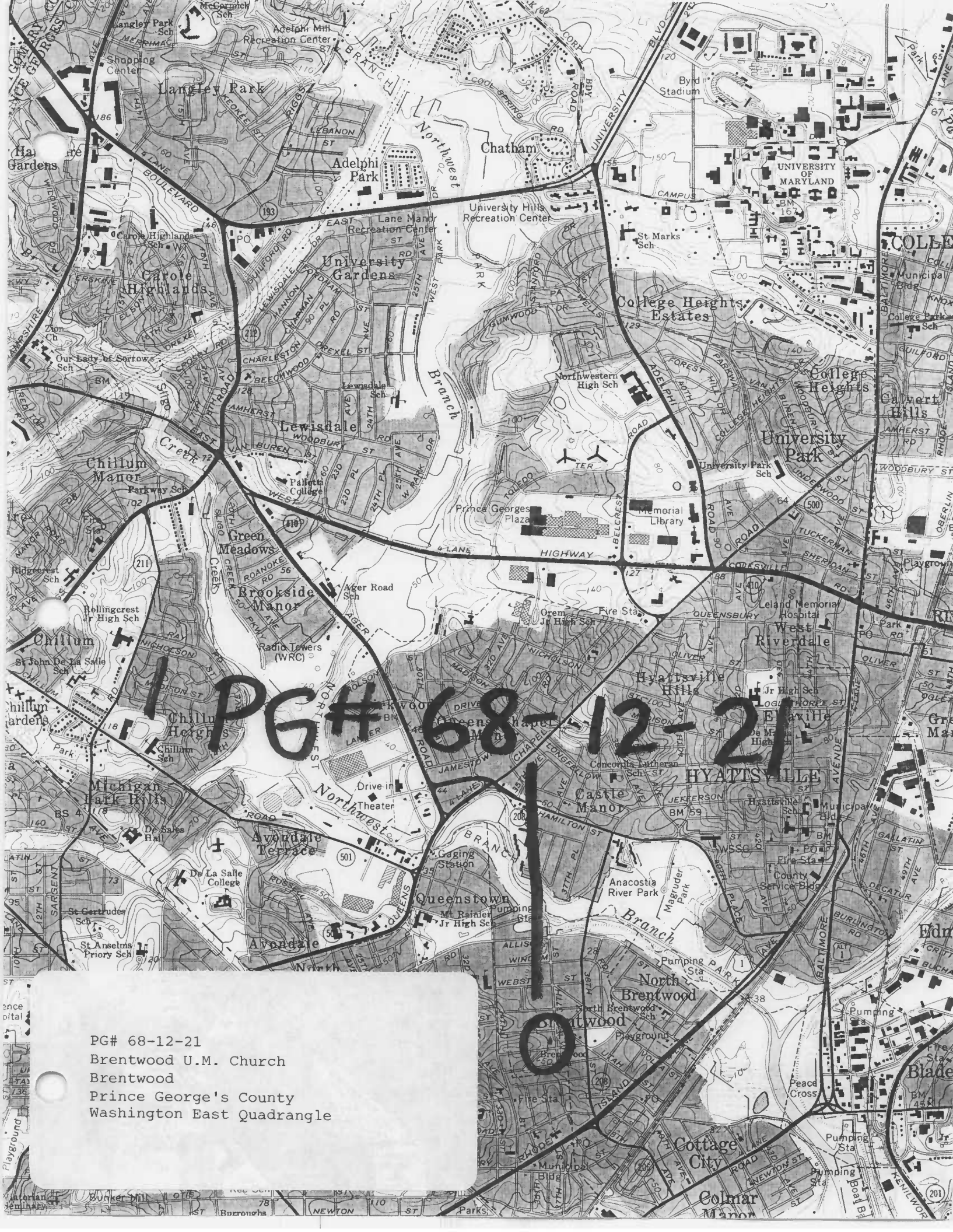
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Washington East Quadrangle



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Brentwood U M Church

4214 37<sup>th</sup>

(3606 Tilden)

Brentwood, P.C. Co.

Susan L. Pearl

March 1992

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